

HOPE FOR DEMOCRACY.

The Newer Generation of Jeffersonians Trampling Upon Ancestral Traditions. Food for Thought.

Strange as it may seem, yet nevertheless it is a fact, that Judge James Mathews, of Albany, N. Y., who was elected to office by democrats a year or two ago, Judge Rufin (deceased) of Boston, appointed by Gov. Ben Butler, (deceased,) and Mr. Carr, are the only Afro-Americans who have been so honored in the North, or in the South, since the days of reconstruction. We are cognizant of the fact that a number of justices of the peace have been elected and appointed in different parts of the country, but they are not judges, nor for that matter assistant district attorneys. Attorney Barnett, of Chicago, termed assistant state's attorney is really what is regarded in this part of the country as an assistant prosecuting attorney of the county. If this be true, there is this that democracy is entitled to, and that is, credit for taking the initiative and the lead in maintaining the same in the appointment and election of Afro-Americans to high grade positions along a legal line.—Cleveland Gazette.

The District National Guard.

The latest report of the relative rank of the officers of the District National Guard shows the colored members representing the 1st Separate Battalion to stand as follows:

Of the Majors, Arthur Brooks ranks eighth, out of fifteen named.

Captains—Jonn H. Campbell, second; Frederick T. Webster, fourth; E. L. Webster, seventeenth, in class of twenty eight.

First lieutenants—Francis J. Cardozo fifth; James E. Walker, eleventh; Robt. B. Covington, thirteenth; Dr. Phil Broome Brooks, surgeon, seventeenth; Samuel Piper, nineteenth; Dr. W. Bruce Evans, twenty-ninth; Samuel A. Ward, thirty second; Joseph H. Johnson, thirty-fifth in a class of forty.

Second lieutenants—Frank N. Robinson, second; Louis H. Patterson, eleventh; Raymond A. Jackson, thirteenth; Henry Chase, fifteenth in a class of sixteen.

The register further shows Capt. Peter B. Meredith, Company C, to have died; Corporal Leigh R. Whipple, Privates William P. Allen, Robert K. Johnson and Walter Washington, all of Company C dishonorably discharged; Privates William Buchanan and Lewis M. Carroll, Company A, dropped as deserters.

A High Indorsement.

To The Colored American.—This is to certify that I have the honor in behalf of the officers of Queen Rebecca Household of Ruth, No. 798 G. U. O. of O. F. to tender thanks to you for your appreciation in so kindly publishing the names of the officers elected for 1900 in your issue of December 30th. May God's blessing continue with you in the good work. Your journal is acknowledged to be the leading race paper that is published by Negroes. The Odd Fellows' Journal at Philadelphia, Pa., is the next best in its line. Very truly yours for the race,

WILLIAM E. WASHINGTON.

Feeling Like "Thirty Cents."

John Quarterdollar and Nancy Nichol were married at Providence, R. I., the other day. How like thirty cents they must feel,

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BY JAMES RUSSEL LOWELL.

Men! whose boast is that ye
Come of fathers brave and free,
If there breathe on earth a slave
Are you truly free and brave?
If you do not feel the chain,
When it works a brother's pain,
Are ye not base slaves indeed,
Slaves unworthy to be freed?
Women who shall one day bear
Sons to breathe New England air,
If ye hear without a blush,
Deeds to make the roused blood rush
Like red lava through your veins,
For your sister low in chains—
Answer! are ye fit to be
Mothers of the brave and free.
Is true freedom but to break
Fetters for our own dear sake,
And, with leathern heart, forget
That we owe mankind a debt?
No! true freedom is to share
All the chains our brothers wear
And with heart and hand to be,
Earnest to make others free!
They are slaves who fear to speak
For the fallen and the weak;
They are slaves who will not choose
Hatred, scoffing and abuse,
Rather than in silence shrink
From the truth they needs must think:
They are slaves who dare not be
In the right with two or three

The Academy Restaurant.

Messrs. Gaskins and Ganes, two popular and enterprising young men of this city, have leased and fitted up most elegantly what is now known as "The Academy Restaurant" at 320 8th street, northwest. This is one of the best locations in the city, the rear entrance in front of the Academy of Music and the front entrance opposite Kann's. They opened the doors to the public last Monday and since then the restaurant has been crowded with their patrons and with friends offering congratulations. "The Academy Restaurant" will be conducted on a high plane and will be first class in every particular. The very best of everything may be had and those who patronize the place may expect gilt edged service for the smallest money. Mr. A. J. Gaskins the senior member of the firm was for seven years manager of the Chevy Chase Club, one of the richest clubs of its kind in this section, but left that club to enter into business for himself. Mr. Frank Gaines has been connected as head man at Osborne and Hoban's corner G and 7th streets, for a number of years and has managed that place to the satisfaction of the firm and the public generally. They start under bright auspices and will no doubt get their share of the business.

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